

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Application No.: 10/806,424
Atty Docket No.: Q80611

REMARKS

The Office Action of February 10, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully considered.

Claims 1 to 16 are all the claims pending in the application, prior to the present amendment.

Claims 12 to 14 have been rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112.

The Examiner states that the phrase “selected from” in claims 12 to 14 should be changed to the more conventional phrase for a Markush group, namely, “selected from the group consisting of”.

In response, applicants have amended claims 12 to 14 in the manner proposed by the Examiner.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2 to 7 are allowable. Accordingly, applicants have amended the claims to direct them to the allowable subject matter of claims 2 to 7. In particular, applicants have canceled claim 1, have amended claims 6 and 7 to delete reference to claim 1 and to incorporate the recitations of claim 1 into claims 6 and 7, and have amended claims 8, 10, 11 and 14 to 16 to depend from claim 4. In view of these amendments, applicants submit that all of the claims that remain in the application contain subject matter that is allowable.

The Examiner, in Paragraphs 4 to 18 of the Office Action, sets forth 14 separate rejections of the claims. In view of the above amendments, applicants submit that each of these rejections has been overcome.

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In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

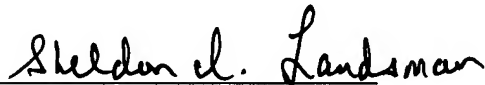
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